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### Bearings

Bearings are true, and are expressed in degrees from 000° (north) to 360°, measured clockwise. General bearings are expressed by the initial letters of the points of the compass (e.g. N, NNE, NE, etc.). Adjective and adverb endings have been discarded. Wherever precise bearings are intended degrees are used.

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### Courses

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### Current

Current direction is the true direction toward which currents set.

### Dangers

As a rule, outer dangers are fully described, but inner dangers, which are well-charted, are, for the most part, omitted. Generally, dangers are described according to the information received.

### Distances

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### Heights

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### Light and Fog Signals

Light and fog signals are not described, and light sectors are not usually defined. NIMA's List of Lights and the USCG's Light Lists should be consulted for complete information.

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## Wind

Wind direction is the true direction from which winds blow.

## Reference List

The principal sources examined in the preparation of this publication were:

British Hydrographic Office Sailing Directions.  
Canadian Sailing Directions.

French Sailing Directions.

Japanese Sailing Directions.

Korean Sailing Directions.

Russian Sailing Directions.

Reports from United States Naval and merchant vessels and various shipping companies.

Other U.S. Government publications, reports, and documents.

Charts, light lists, tide and current tables, and other documents in possession of the Agency.